



# **FARMINGTON POLICE**

## **D E P A R T M E N T**

**February 25, 2021**

**For Immediate Release**

### **Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash**

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 11:36 am, Farmington Police and Fire Department personnel and paramedics with ALF Ambulance responded to a two-vehicle crash with reported injuries on Pilot Knob Road at the intersection with 206<sup>th</sup> Street West in the City of Farmington.

Initial investigation suggests that a 2016 Ram 2500 pickup truck was traveling south on Pilot Knob Road when it rear-ended a 2018 Ford Escape that was stopped in left lane waiting to turn east onto 206<sup>th</sup> Street West. Both drivers were alone in the vehicles.

The driver of the Ford Escape, Mark J. Holton (65) of Farmington, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the Ram 2500, Jacob J. Askew (29) of Farmington, was examined by paramedics at the scene and declined further medical attention.

"Motor vehicle crashes are almost always preventable. This was a tragic result and our thoughts are with Mr. Holton's family and friends during this difficult time," said Chief of Police Gary Rutherford.

The Farmington Police Department, Minnesota State Patrol, and Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office are investigating this crash. No additional information will be released at this time.

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